

Hayle Academy

09 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

In line with the announcement made yesterday by the Department for Education and Public Health, Hayle Academy will now hold an additional training day for staff on Friday 18th December. This means that the last day of term for students, our traditional festive celebration with an early finish at 12:15pm, will be on Thursday 17th December. The reason that this decision has been taken by the Government is so that there will be a clear 6 days without school contact at the end of term, before Christmas Eve. This will ensure that the risk of transmission of Covid 19 from in-school contact between students is significantly reduced, ensuring families can enjoy Christmas together with increased confidence. It will also ensure that school leaders are not required to monitor track and trace contacts over the Christmas period, beyond the first 6 days, giving our staff team a very well-deserved break.

I very much hope that all of our families enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas. Within the first 48 hours of the end of term i.e. Friday 18th and Saturday 19th of December, please notify us if your child develops symptoms of possible Covid 19 infection (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change to taste or smell). Please also ensure that you arrange for your child to be tested as soon as possible and inform us of the test result as soon as you receive them. Please email either Mrs Halsey (kathy.halsey@hayleacademy.net) or Mr Horner (simon.horner@hayleacademy.net) who will liaise with Public Health regarding track and trace.

Beyond 48 hours from the end of school i.e. from Sunday 20th December, should symptoms develop, parents will not need to inform the school but should contact the NHS Test and Trace service for support and to arrange a test for their child. These are Public Health requirements: advice that is made on the basis that if symptoms develop beyond 48 hours, the child will not have been in school whilst they were infectious to others. I sincerely hope that all of our students and families remain clear of any possible or confirmed cases of Covid 19 over the Christmas holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their continued support and to wish all our families a very restful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday 5th January.

Yours faithfully,



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